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So many of the graduates who come in to see us, are surprised to find that we are still at 415 Yonge Street. Others do not come at all because they think we are not here. To make sure that we see all our visitors and get all our telephone calls, let us repeat:

1. The University expects to use this building until a year after the war. If you come in and find the office door shut, it is probably because it is noon hour (12:30-1:30) or after 4:30. Be sure to put 415 Yonge Street on the envelope when you write to any of us at the School. Otherwise the letter will be delayed by going first to the University.

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2. We are listed in the telephone directory under the University of Toronto. Look up the University, follow down the column until you come to the School of Physical and Health Education. That is us, Ad.8339.

Perhaps some of you will be interested in seeing the differences in the curriculum between the new course and the old. The first year students have almost a straight Arts course with lots of Chemistry, Zoology and Physics, English and Psychology. In addition they get games such as Basketball, Badminton and Field Hockey, Swimming, Gymnastics, Folk Dancing and some theory of Physical Education and Personal Hygiene. Here is an average week for the Second Year students: Monday, first two periods Anatomy, second two periods spares, first period in the afternoon, Skating; Tuesday, Health Assessment, Histology, Chemistry, spare, Games, Theory of Swimming, Swimming; Wednesday, first two periods gymnastics, Physiology, spare, Physiology three periods; Thursday, (Tennis), Theory of Gymnastics, Music and Development of Rhythm, Folk Dancing, Psychology two periods; Friday, first three periods Anatomy, spare, Health Assessment, Modern Dance; Saturday, Tennis, Archery, Field Hockey, while the weather is fine. The third year students have more activities than either of the other two years, and still get considerable Anatomy and Physiology as well as other subjects.

This year in the University, the II and III Year women students are required to take National Defence Training as well as the men. Students in professional courses such as ours, are exempt. Sixty hours of work is the minimum they must take in the year and all the courses sound very interesting. The following are their choices: A.R.P., Red Cross Corps, Hospital Aids, Nursery School, Nutrition, Red Cross Sewing with Instruction, and Recreation Leadership. The last named course is being conducted by Miss Somers and Shirley Maylor McCatty in two groups. Both groups are large ones and the course seems to be very popular. After Christmas practical experience in various organizations throughout the city, will be provided for those who want it.

There are three basketball teams from the School of Physical and Health Education in the University league and all three have done quite well. At the time of writing both III and II Year teams have not lost a game and are ready for the semi-finals. The I Year girls have lost two, tied one and won three, which is not bad for a start.

Elspeth Wilson Emmet, director of recreation for the girls at the John Inglis Co., came to one of the Assemblies of our women students and spoke on her work. She told a lot about the organization that was necessary to get such work started, from the point of view of the directors and of the girls, and later answered the students'

questions. When you realize that there are 15000 working in this plant and that 45% of them are girls, you will understand something of the bigness of Elspeth's job, and will not be surprised that she has Blanche Wellman and Diana Hawkins to help her.

We had hoped to have some impressions of the Women's Divisions of the Air Force, the Army and the Navy from the standpoint of some of our graduates who recently joined these Services, but we find there is too much red tape connected with the passing of such articles to make it possible for us to get them.

The Alumnae Association at its first meeting this fall, held at Lois Howard Armstrong's, formed itself into a Committee of the Whole, to do war work. Monthly meetings are held now the first Friday evening in each month at the homes of the different members, November at Kathleen Pepler Hall's, December at Miss Hamilton's. In betweentimes the noon meetings continue regularly each Friday from 12.30 until 3:30 at the School. The big project on at present is the making of compresses and wipes for which there is great demand by the Red Cross. A whole bolt of cheesecloth (200 yards) has to be folded into 4 inch squares by the end of December, hundreds and hundreds of them. In the March News Letter we hope to give you a complete statement of the war work accomplished by your Alumnae Association in the two years they have been working. Right now you will be interested in the Financial Statement Adrienne Lea has prepared for the News Letter. We were amazed to see how the amounts given by the few members who come each Friday have mounted up. Rather a telling argument in favour of direct giving, is it not?

Financial Statement

Receipts -

Square Dance in '41, netted	28.00	
Refresher Course in '42, donated	20.00	
Bazaar, tea and raffle '42, netted	253.37	
From fees in '41 and '42, half of each fee	54.75	
From donations at weekly meetings etc.	353.92	
From Refresher Course Fund	89.13	
Alumnae Association account	26.45	825.62

Expenses -

Donations to organizations	203.70	
Wool	318.20	
Miscellaneous (stationery, stamps, printing, thread, needles, scissors, parcels etc.)	97.72	619.62

On hand in present account 206.00

There are one or two special undertakings by the Alumnae that should be mentioned. First there is the work for the Victor Home, an organization whose field is greatly enlarged due to the war. So far through the efforts of the Alumnae, a home has been found for one baby, \$25.00 and new and used baby clothing have been given. Good used clothes (up to 3 years) will be welcome, or if you would like to change for a while from the knitting of heavy yarns, you may get baby wool from the Committee to knit for the Home. A volunteer to take charge of recreation for the mothers is also needed. At the December evening meeting, it was decided to send pictures, curtains and any household nick-nacks that could be collected, to the new hospital in Newfoundland where the comforts of home are badly needed. Contributions of good used men's clothing are also urgently requested for Survivors Bundles. The Alumnae hopes to give to the Canadian Aid to Russia Fund. Several member have volunteered to be Blood Donors for the Red Cross. 160 Ditty Bags have been sent in to the Navy League. Alas, a number of those sent out to be filled were lost; others just did not come in.

CHRISTMAS BASKETS

Donations in money and clothes will be received as usual. Packing Party Tuesday evening, December 22nd at Jo Robinson's, 173 Lowther Avenue. Here's your chance to do

your good deed for the day, wish many of your Alumnae friends a happy Christmas and incidentally have a very good time yourself. December 22nd, 173 Lowther Avenue.

FROM THE GLOBE AND MAIL, TORONTO: "Ever since the Greek civilization there has been organized physical education for the purpose of preparing the youth for war-which is a sad commentary on our peacetime educational system, said Miss Florence Somers, assistant professor of physical education at the University of Toronto, giving a "classification talk" to her fellow members at the fortnightly dinner meeting of the Zonta Club. Miss Somers referred to some of the pictures one has seen of colossal demonstrations of physical training in Czecho-Slovakia and other European countries, and remarked that what makes a good demonstration is usually a poor example of physical education. "Exercise" is a very poor substitute for natural activities, and this is particularly true with children, for whom Nature's way, embodied in games, sports, folkdancing, singing games the like, is best. Physical education is the education of the child through physical activities. Such activities are essential to the normal growth of children. They are recreative for adults and much needed, but not so essential as they are for children.

The child enjoying these activities with other children in a town has social advantages that the country child does not get and which contribute to the development of actual character traits. The speaker referred to the social and moral values involved in physical education, and said that one of the chief aims of education is the development of appreciations and skills for leisure time use.

Recreation, she said, is an adult term, not a child's term. Adults need to recreate after their day's work is done.

Safety education has become a relative of physical education, and the person in charge of physical education in schools is often in a good position to carry on some safety work, too. This was demonstrated in Massachusetts, where the Governor became interested through the number of deaths through traffic accidents.

In concluding Miss Somers made a strong plea that physical training be regarded from an educational point of view, not just from the physical viewpoint of preparing for another war."

-From the Homemakers' Page.

SOCIAL AND NEWS NOTES:

The social events of the season to date have been three informal parties. The first one took the form of a welcome to the new students (and initiation!), given by the second year, and held at the Household Science Gymnasium. The second was a dance, held on the second floor of our building, and the third a scavenger hunt followed by a dance at M.E.S. It was amazing the things that were collected in the scavenger hunt and it made us wonder if some other student body on a similar hunt had been told to bring home a sign and in a spirit of bravado, took the brass sign of The Margaret Eaton School. At any rate our sign disappeared one night, and as there are priorities in brass, we cannot get another one and just have to get along without any.

Dr. Ryerson, director of the School of Physical and Health Education, has been ill but is gradually getting back to health and his classes again.

Miss Somers was honoured recently by being made Honourary President of the Physical Education section of the Ontario Education Association. We extend our congratulations.

Miss Freda Cole died November 7th and we feel we have lost a real friend. Perhaps many of you as students did not know her but you may see her handiwork in the printing of your name on your diploma for she has done this without reward or expected reward for each graduating class since 1926. Miss Cole was a very close friend of Miss Hamilton's. We could write of her work in the French department of the University, of her steady courage, of her quiet sense of humour and the twinkle in her eye, of her unfailing kindness. We ask that you pay tribute in your hearts to one who was a true friend of The Margaret Eaton School.

Betty Anderson called in to see us recently looking very smart in the C.W.A.C. uniform of a 2nd lieutenant. Betty is stationed at Kitchener in the Basic Training Centre of which Doris Weston is the officer commanding.

Peg Andrew Johnson, who lives in Amherst, N.S. with her husband and little daughter, has organized classes in Physical Education under the sponsorship of the Tantramar Chapter of the I.O.D.E. All the proceeds go to the war effort of the Chapter and so far the classes have been a tremendous success. We quote from Peg's letter: "So far we have over 130 registered, and classes still growing - my largest single class reaching the 40 mark....I feel it has served a triple purpose - in a health programme for the girls, a fascinating interest for myself and, so far, a really splendid war effort.....I have had two splendid pianists volunteer their services, one for Tuesday afternoons, when I teach first, the junior girls and then the high school age, another for Friday evenings, when the business girls meet at 7:30 and married women at 8:30

Helen Card, a former student at The Margaret Eaton School, is doing precision work in a munitions plant in Hamilton.

Elythe Crawford (known to us as E-d-i) was married in St. John's, Newfoundland, to Mr. George Edward Le Shana, on Wednesday, October 7th.

May Cumming wrote us in October that she is working in the office of the Canadian National Express Co. in Halifax.

Grace Darroch, who is known to many M.E.S. graduates besides her classmate of '23, died in Shanghai on September 28th. A cable received on November 10th, announced the sad news, but no particulars are available. To all her family connection we extend our sincere sympathy, but especially to her sister Ruth in Shanghai.

GRACE DARROCH - AN APPRECIATION

Her vital, enthusiastic love of life endeared her to all who knew her.

Her friends deeply esteemed her happy, generous personality and admired her outstanding ability, not only as teacher but in the many interests with which her life was enriched.

Her integrity and fearless spirit must have been an inspiration to all in the large school in Shanghai in which she taught.

-Dorothy Prat

Born on October 22nd at Halifax, Nova Scotia, a daughter to Lieutenant Commander B.M. and Mrs. Powell (Louise Dewar).

Helen Fiebig Bennett and her husband, Mr. D.F. Bennett, have moved to Windsor, Ontario where they are living in the Waverley Court Apts., 1556 Goyeau Street.

Marjorie Fraser Armitage is working in the Y.M.C.A. of her home town, Sydney, N.S. Y

Phyllis Gale is taking a training course in the C.W.A.C. at St. Anne de Bellevue, Que.

Barbara Halliday has finished her Administrative Course at No. 6 Manning Depot and is now a mobile recruiting officer for the R.C.A.F., W.D. with headquarters at Hamilton.

Helen Hurd Vizeley is teaching in the Notre Dame de Grace Y.M.C.A. in greater Montreal. Her husband is in the Central Y.M.C.A., Montreal. Y

Margaret Inglis Barclay's husband, Dr. L.T. Barclay, is with the Headquarters Staff of the Army Medical Corps.

Joyce Jarvis has enlisted in the W.R.C.N. and is in training at the Naval Establishment in Galt. Joyce has been helping Petty Officer McEvoy (Winnifred to us) with the Physical Education and Recreation and is most enthusiastic about her work.

Key Johnson is studying languages at Columbia University, extra murally.

Born on October 18, 1942 to Mr. and Mrs. L.E. Hanson (Lucille Kirk) a daughter, Wendy Lucille.

Frances Kitchen of the Class of '42 was married on October 10th to Mr. Eric Miller who is stationed at Petawawa. Frances' address is 225 Maple Avenue, Pembroke.

Born to Clarice Mann Taylor and Mr. Taylor on August 8, 1942, a son, James Willson.

Born to Winnifred MacLennan Johnston and Squadron Leader Johnston, a daughter, Mary Jane, on November 2nd. They are living at 170 George Street, Belleville, Ontario.

Lorna McLean Sheard and Mr. Sheard are living in Ottawa.

Capt. Mona Miller Tomalin, O.C. of the C.W.A.C., M.D.13, is stationed at Vancouver.

At Vancouver General Hospital on Wednesday, December 2nd, to Mr. and Mrs. Ernest J. Broom (Helen Patterson) a son, Ernest Allen.

Bretta Powles was a welcome visitor at the School not long ago. Bretta got her B.A. degree from the University of Manitoba in the spring. She substituted in St. John's Technical School, Winnipeg, for May and June and is now waiting for passage to Jamaica, where she is to be physical director in the Y.W.C.A. at Kingston. While she waits, Bretta is doing a special recreation job at Cornwall under the Y.W.C.A.

Margaret Ross is doing inspection work in the Dominion Electrohone Co. in Kitchener, on loan from Research Enterprise Ltd.

Flora Secord Davidson is living in Quebec City while her husband is at Valcartier, P.Q.

Pauline Seller wrote to Miss Somers thanking her for the loan of the dance films: "They proved to be most beneficial in promoting the Modern Dance here. Jean Mooney and several of her fellow Regina Industries' workers have formed the nucleus of a class and do we ever enjoy it."

Mary Shirton, who is a student teacher at Brescia Hall, London, Ont., has taken on some extra teaching at St. Angela's College, a Catholic High School, and has been asked to teach a class at St. Angela's Private School.

Ellie Sovereign Wood and Lieutenant Jimmy Wood have another little Daughter, Wendy, born last summer.

Jean Sutton is teaching three full days a week at the Loretto Day School and two days at Loretto Abbey, Armour Heights.

Friends of Sirkka Sterner will be sorry to hear that she fell in the gymnasium at the Central "Y" recently and broke her wrist.

Shirley Tandy, one of the English girls who was caught here when the war broke out and spent some time at M.E.S., wrote to Miss Somers recently from England where she

later returned. Miss Somers has given us her letter to quote to you: "Despite the war and my natural inaptitude for passing examinations, I have managed to pass all the examinations at College and have now got a post as physical training teacher at Malvern Girls College, a very large boarding school in Worcestershire....I wonder what all the girls who were at M.E.S. with me are doing? Are they teaching or have they joined up? I know that last term we all had to make the decision whether to join up as P.T. instructors in the women's forces when we would automatically get a commission, or whether to go into teaching which is a reserved occupation. The fact that my father had just died and my mother would now be alone, my sister having married last year and my brothers being in the Middle East, made me decide to teach in a school as then I can spend the long holidays with my mother". Shirley's address is Hartley St. George, Albert Road, Malvern, Worcestershire, England.

We extend our sincere sympathy to Margaret Taylor Johnston in the death of her husband, Dr. Eric B. Johnston, on Thursday, December 3rd.

Born to Squadron Leader P.A. Kinsey and Mrs. Kinsey (Ruby Thomas) at Toronto on October 24th, a son, Peter Thomas.

Maryon Weiss joined the Air Force this fall and after taking her basic training at Rockcliffe, under Diana Cameron, was sent to Fingal to get some experience on the station. She is now taking her administrative course at No.6 Manning Depot, Toronto.

Frances White has a position with the Selective Service Commission, women's section, at Bay and Grenville Street, Toronto.

Evelyn Wilson Schwerin, her husband, son and little daughter, live at 4233 Massachusetts Ave., Gary, Indiana. The baby, Leanore Ellen Schwerin, was born in July, 1942.

Julia Wright joined the Air Force the last of October and took her basic training at Rockcliffe. She was posted last week to Halifax, N.S. as an operational clerk.

Amy Wingate is working in the Bankruptcy Department of the Dominion Government. Her address is 96 Pretoria Avenue, Ottawa.

Dorothy Frappier Munsie, who is living with her husband, Mr. John Munsie, in Vancouver is teaching 3 days a week in the New Westminster Y.M.C.A. and enjoying it very much. X

And now the Christmas season has come again and once more we send you our warmest personal greetings. There is sorrow in many hearts this year, everywhere, and as we compare the peace and abundance of our own land with the destruction, suffering and starvation of many other countries, we wonder how we can give to those who have plenty and not to those who have so little. Even though we feel we must simplify our material giving and our entertaining this Christmas, we still have love and courage and faith to give and there is need of these things. In the words of President Roosevelt: "Against enemies who preach the principles of hate and practise them, we set our faith in human love and in God's care for us and all men everywhere. It is in that spirit and with particular thoughtfulness of those, our sons and brothers who serve in our armed forces on land and sea, near and far--those who serve for us and endure for us--that we light our Christmas candles now across this continent from one coast to the other."

Charlotte H. Layton

P.S. The January evening war work meeting at Edith Amsden's, 95 Howland Avenue will take the form of a Survivors' Bundles Shower. Bring good, warm, used clothing if possible, but come to work anyway. Remember Friday evening, January 8, 1943.



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